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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment, claims 8-27 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New claims 8-27 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chauvin et al., United States patent number 5,886,701. This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-7. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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